

PARK & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2007
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 West 15th Street, Rushville. President David Hasecuster called the meeting to order. Members present were Tim Shuppert, Jan Voiles and Tim Yazel. Jack Harmon and Denny Corn was absent. Also present was Attorney Julie Newhouse, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Mayor Bob Bridges, Parks Director Danny Mathews and Pool Manager Anita Carfield.

Minutes: Minutes of July 10, 2007 was presented for approval. Voiles moved to approve minutes for the month. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Reports: Hasecuster welcomed new board member Tim Yazel who will be replacing Wilma Jo Kile representing the Library Board.

Mathews shared with the board the situation at the swimming pool. The insurance company has instructed him to get bids. Mathews has notified three contractors. There has been an electrical panel problem. It was burnt completely out. Mathews stated he is following the directions of the investigator and the insurance company. Bridges shared with the board that if we had not have opened up for bid without estimates the insurance company would not have paid. Mathews stated it was pretty disappointing for all and especially for the patrons. He is just thankful no one was more seriously injured. This all could have been a lot worse.

Mathews then stated the Mayor authorized a fire truck be put at the corner of 11th and Sexton to hose kids down during the hot weather. Mathews said it was fun watching them.

Mathews reported that the “Fun in the Park” day on August 4th was a huge success. This went over his expectations. The event was well attended. He hopes to make this an annual program. Was a fun day.

Carfield gave her pool report as follows:

Our average attendance July 10 through August 8 was 109 patrons per day. We were closed 3 days due to rain in that time period. On closing day, August 8, we had 144 in attendance before the electrical fire shut us down. This season 8,296 patrons have attended from Memorial Day through August 8.

The average daily admission July 10 through August 8 was \$155.88 with a total of \$4,364.52. The overall total for admissions this season was \$21,033.57. The average daily concession’s was \$158.92 while the total for July 10 through August 8 was \$4,449.62. The overall total for concessions this season was \$13,103.15.

This season we had 27 pool parties. We had to cancel 5 parties due to the electrical incident.

Swim lessons this season included 21 evening lessons and 54 morning lessons.

The guards and concession’s workers who worked on the 8th pitched in and helped to close the pool that day despite the 90 plus temperatures. I would like to commend them for their hard work and willingness to put forth the extra effort.

Normally, we have all workers come in to help clean the pool. All were called, but only the ones in attendance actually helped with the cleanup. It is a hot and time-consuming job and each worked relentlessly to complete the season’s cleaning.

Overall, our season was successful. I was pleased with the performance of most of the employees. I appreciate all of our patrons’ support over the season.

I’d like to readdress the swim lesson issue that we talked about last month. I would like to propose that we offer group lessons as well as private lessons next year.

The group lessons would be \$25 for a 2 week session (Monday through Thursday each week with a guarantee of 7 out of 8 lessons). A guard would be responsible for a minimum of 2 patrons and a maximum of 4 patrons. Patrons would be grouped according to ability. Guard pay would be \$7 per hour. I figured that for a 30 minute lesson the guard would be working approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. This averages out to 6 hours over a two week period for one session. In a worse case scenario, 2 patrons would pay \$50 for lessons the guard would make \$42 and the city would take in \$8. In a best case scenario, 4 patrons would pay \$100, the guard would make \$42, and the city would take in \$58. This would make lessons more affordable for those who cannot pay for private lessons.

Private lessons would then reduce to \$44 instead of the \$48 that was charged this season. I would like to get this information out to the schools before school closes in 2008 and before the opening of the pool season.

Ryan Standish will be in charge of these swim lessons.

Yazel moved to approve the above swim lesson issue. Voiles seconded. Motion carried.

Another issue that I'd like to propose is to offer coupons for season passes for next year. The coupons would be good for the first week of the season. I would suggest the following: group pass \$180 instead of \$200, family pass \$85 instead of \$100, adult \$65 instead of \$75, and child \$45 instead of \$50. Patrons must present the coupon within the first week or 10 days in order to receive the discount. The coupon could be made available to the schools before school is out as well as be in the paper or at the Mayor's office.

Carfield said she feels this will get people in early.

She will get these coupons out to all county schools to get an interest.

Yazel moved to approve the early sell and discounts of coupons for the first 10 days. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

Carfield shared with the board that Phil Mitchell bought 40 one day passes to hand out at his church and she wondered what to do about that since the pool closed early.

Shuppert felt it was a long time to hold those coupons till next year and felt we should refund his money.

Hasecuster suggest getting a list of those he handed the tickets out to and allow them to use them next year.

Yazel asked if there were any funds out there to pay for kid's pool passes who can't afford them. The board stated there were none of those funds at this time.

Carfield thanked the Parks Board for allowing her to manage the pool this season.

The Board thanked Carfield for a job well done.

Carfield then shared with the board that in reference to the pool closing policy she did have kids sign in and in her personal opinion when bad weather she feels they should get no money back as they should listen to the weather before they leave their house.

She feels if there is an accident such as fecal or vomit then she will refund money.

The board decided to table this till next meeting.

Two bids had been submitted on the Skate Board Park.

- 1) Davis Towing – Estimate to construct half pipe for Skate Park.

48" x 48" X 24" to be poured in smooth hand towel finish \$6,800.00

- 2) Bowles Construction – Estimate for constructing concrete skate park half pipe. 48"x24"x48"

Construct concrete forms as needed for new concrete. Pour 4000 p.s.i. concrete (with fiber reinforcement) new concrete to have smooth hand towel finish. Remove concrete form materials. Install one coat cure and seal concrete sealer.

Contractor to furnish materials and labor needed. Contractor to haul away all job related waste. Total estimated cost of project \$6,350.00

Yazel moved to approve Bowles Construction quote for \$6,350.00. Voiles seconded. Motion carried.

Quotes to Paint Swimming Pool:

- 1) Roberts Painting - \$8,826.00- 24 kits of paint, epoxy caulking, concrete and labor

- 2) American Clean & Seal, Inc. - \$16,700 – Use 10,000 psi water pressure cleaning method to prepare the concrete pool tub for an epoxy coating \$6,200. Apply two coats of Tnemec Series FC20 epoxy paint to the pool tub. Approximately 70 gallons of paint will be used. \$8,400.00. Apply the black lines to the pool tub. \$475.00. Caulk the concrete tub to the walls. \$1,625.00. Additional caulking of stress cracks in the pool tub \$4.00 per l.f. Patching price will be discussed after blasting has been completed (estimated \$100.00-\$800.00) If water is leaking into the pool through cracks, a urethane infection will be needed at an additional cost of \$75.00 per lineal foot. AC&S stocks white and clear sky blue paint – please circle the appropriate color. Other colors can be applied at an additional cost. One year labor and material warranty. Warranty does not apply to failing support surfaces or delamination of surfaces below coating.

Sharpe reported she contacted nine (9) companies and only two (2) submitted quotes.

The board feels this work needs to be done before this fall.

Mathews stated the pool will be drained by this weekend.

Yazel stated he feels if we don't get our name in now we might have to wait until the spring of 2008.

Yazel asked if there was money budgeted for this. Mathews stated he will get with the Clerk-Treasurer and move monies around in Non-Reverting.

Voiles moved to accept the quote from American Clean and Seal for \$16,700. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

Update on New Trails – Hasecuster stated that ARC gave us money for a trail from the old tennis courts to the restrooms and one off of Sexton Street to the handicap playground equipment and also a pad in front of the restrooms.

ARC gave a check for the whole amount. The sign will also be paid for by ARC.

Sharpe handed out info from Harmon on “DNR offers dollars to put trees to work”. A new DNR grant program called “Putting Trees to Work” now allows cities, towns, and 501 (C3) non-profits to apply for funds to purchase and plant trees in areas where they can benefit an area most.

The grants, which will be administered by the DNR Division of Forestry, Community and Urban Forestry (CUF) program, were made possible by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Northeastern Area when the organization awarded \$242,000 in urban forestry grant dollars to the CUF program. At least \$100,000 of that award will be distributed to Indiana cities and towns.

“Trees can help make our urban environments healthier by being strategically located to absorb carbon dioxide, collect particulate matter from the air, and clean our water”, said Pam Louks, state CUF coordinator.

Many people know about trees’ oxygen-giving capabilities, but scientists now have found that the most important benefits the large green plants offer are their positive contributions to air and water quality.

Communities can apply for funds ranging from \$2,000 to \$15,000. The deadline for application is September 30. All grants must be equally matched and will be evaluated and awarded on a competitive basis. For more information on other projects the funds will pay for, and to get a grant application, contact the CUF office, (317) 915-9390 or inurbanforestry@dnr.IN.gov.

Bridges reported that the Booker T. Windows will be put in the last week of August.

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Shuppert and Voiles. Shuppert moved to approve the claims for the month. Voiles seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved for the month.

New Business: Presentation to Wilma Jo Kile – Hasecuster presented a “Key to the City” Plaque to Wilma Jo for 11 years of service dedicated to the Parks Board as a Library Board appointment.
Kile stated she really enjoyed it.

Bridges stated he was asked by Senator Jackman if we needed any trees. If we get our order in early we get a choice.

Bridges stated he met with Terry Smith of Wells Fargo and they want to remove the two trees by the Parks if the Parks are not objectable. They feel these trees can’t be saved. Mathews stated he is thrilled to get them out of there.

Voiles shared with the board, as an employee of the Rushville Republican Newspaper, she questioned the Ed Dickson article that Mike Sweet had in his newsletter. Voiles was under the impression that Dickson wanted no publicity for what he does in the parks. Sharpe assured Voiles that we wanted Dickson to accept the “Friend of the Park” award and he refused saying he wanted NO recognition and if we did that he would quit working in the park.
Sharpe assured Voiles we had no part in Sweet’s newsletter at all.

Hasecuster stated that Corn shared with him he would like to put basketball goals back at Community Park and suggested putting them back where the skateboard park was. Voiles stated she thought the basketball goals were taken out because they weren’t being used.
It was decided to table this at this time and discuss at next meeting.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY

